

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:176
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OUTSTANDING DUES OF SEBS
SAHIB SINGH VERMA;SHANKERSINH VAGHELA

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ahluwalia Committee set up to review the position with regard to the pending power dues of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) have recommended to waive 50% interest and surcharge component of the total outstanding dues of Rs.41,473 crores;
- (b) if so, whether these recommendations have been examined and the views of the SEBs sought in the matter; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the State Governments and SEBs to clear the outstanding due?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a): Yes, Sir,

(b) & (c): The report of the Expert Group was considered in the Empowered Group of Chief Ministers which endorsed the recommendations with minor modifications. Following this, a letter was addressed to CMs of States and UTs urging them to initiate steps for implementation of the scheme at the earliest.